

Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council
General Meeting
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Room 739
Minutes of July 21, 2015 Meeting

1. **Call to Order by – Michele L. Daniels**
The meeting was called to order at 12:14 p.m.
2. **Minutes Approval for June 16, 2015**
Minutes of June 16, 2015 were approved with corrections
3. **Announcements**
 - Judy Gordon, Rainbow Services, announced that the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, a statewide coalition is having their annual membership meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2015
 - Angie Rodriguez, LAFLA, announced that a training on “Unaccompanied Minors” will be held on August 4, 2015 link will be sent to DVC staff for distribution Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Los Angeles
4. **Project Highlights:** Faith Santoso, Staff Attorney II, with Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Los Angeles Survivor and Family Empowerment (SAFE) Project, Provided an overview of the services the organization provides
5. **Special Presentation:** Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell
 - Provided an overview of the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department process pertaining to Domestic Violence
6. **Executive Board Report – Michele L. Daniels**
 - The DVC Executive Board met on July 9, 2015
 - Announced that discussion regarding Male Victims/Survivors Task Force will take place at the next Executive Board meeting
 - Asked attendees to share their experiences serving male victims when they make a presentation at the General Meetings or email to the DVC staff
7. **Committee and Task Force Reports as needed –**
Written reports submitted by Committee Co-Chairs

Legislative Issues – Michael Gargiulo, Co-Chair
Written report submitted
 - The Legislative Committee met for July 2, 2015
 - Next meeting September 3, 2015
Committee on System’s Improvement – Rachelle M. Neshkes, Co-Chair
No written report submitted

- The CSI committee met on July 2, 2015
- Discussed the West Covina Criminal Courts changes from a dedicated Court to handling cases as any other through the courts
- Next meeting September 10, 2015

LGBT Issues – Mieke Failey, *Co-Chair*

No Written report submitted

- The LGBT Committee met on July 14, 2015
- Discussed possible speakers for the General Meeting presentation in September
- Training on Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence and the Transgender Community was held on July 14, 2015
- Goals were reviewed and discussed
- Next meeting September 8, 2015

Religion & DV Issues – Bernita Walker, *Co-Chair*

Written report submitted

- The Committee met on June 23, 2015
- The September 2, 2015 speakers and agenda for the DV & Religion Training to take place on The California Endowment Center have been drafted
- Cost of the training is \$20 in advance, \$25 by deadline date
- Committee members will contact religion leaders regarding the training
- Next meeting August 25, 2015

Immigration Committee – Monica Kane, *Co-Chair*

No written report submitted

- The committee met this morning, July 21, 2015
- Discussed the June 2015 General Meeting presentation
- Goals were reviewed and discussed
- The Safety Plan Pamphlet will be translated into Armenian, by the Institute of Multicultural Counseling and Education (IMCES) and Korean language translation is being considered by the Center for Pacific Asian Family
- Next meeting September 15, 2015

Shelter Director's Committee – *Co-Chair – TuLynn Smylie*

No written report submitted

- The Shelter Directors met this morning July 21, 2015
- Discussed Sheriff Jim McDonnell's briefing/presentation to the General members and discussed Domestic Violence Awareness month activities
- Next meeting October 20, 2015

8. **Public Comments: Not to exceed two minute per person - NONE**
9. **Matters not on the Posted Agenda to be presented and placed on a future Agenda - NONE**
10. **Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Olivia G. Rodriguez
Executive Director
Los Angeles County Domestic Violence Council

September 15, 2015
Date Approved

GM Minutes for July 21, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT July 21, 2015

Public Members

LA County Public Social Service
LA County District Attorney's Office
LA County Probation Department
LA County Public Health
LA City Attorney's Office
LA County's Sheriff's Department
LA City Police Department
West Covina Police Department

Lola Nevarez
M. Daniels, M. Gargiulo, L. Heher
Jim Schoengarth, K. Kucharle
Adarsh Almalvez
Eve Sheedy, Maureen Siegel
Suzie Ferrel
Kosal Bun
Diane Franklin

Private Members

Center for the Pacific Asian Family (CALWORKS)
Jewish Family Service
Rainbow Services (CALWORKS)
Women Shelter of Long Beach
YWCA Glendale
Sojourn
Project Peacemakers
Santa Clarita Domestic Violence Center
Su Casa-Ending Domestic Violence
Women & Children's Crisis Shelter
YWCA WINGS
House of Ruth (CALWORKS)
Antelope Valley DVC/.Valley Oasis

TuLynn Smylie
Nancy Volpert, Michelle Marsh
Judy Gordon
Giovanna Martinez
Michelle Roberts
Pat Butler
Bernita Walker
Katie Losier, Markie Bear
Vickie Doolittle
Dolores Salomone
Ana Interiano
Kimberly Mason
Carol Crabson

CalWorks

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Domestic Abuse Center
Institute of Multicultural Ed. & Couns.
LA Center for Law & Justice
Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

PROTOTYPES
Bienvenidos
East Los Angeles Women's Center
Community Legal Services
Human Services Association
Office of Samoan Affairs
San Fernando Valley CMHC

Elizabeth Sanchez
Gail Pincus
Ardalan Zamani
Lazaro Cuevas
M. Alanis, K. Marr, A. Rodriguez,
S. Davidson, L. Chau, J. Martinez
Amanda Jancu, P. Gaskin
Mary Cabrera
Debbie Suaste
Rachelle, Neshkes, A. Donatto
Silvana Ortega
Odette Papanian
Giselle Hulbert

Guests Present

ABIP	Rick Kenworthy
Asian Americans Advancing Justice	Faith Santoso
Asian Pacific Women Center	Skye Gonzalez, S. Hakim
Good Shepard Shelter	S. Shakiba
Parents in Partnership (DCFS)	Marcela Pizarro
Law Offices of Monica Kane	Monica Kane
Valley Women's Center	Jennifer Ortiz, R. Teichman
Harriett Buhai for Family Law	Heidi Slater
Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center	Mieko Failey, Krishna Charles
Niswa Association, Inc.	Amila O.
National Coalition for Men	Fred Sottile
Joe Torre Safe at Home	Sally Lokey
SAFE	David Pizarra
SAHARA	Dora Jacildo
Cambodia USA	D. Maud, S. Neth
Children's Institute	Debbie Ramirez
LASHA	Sylvia Williams
One Justice	Kelsey Williams
First to Serve	Rev. Richard Reed, S. Thomas
New Star Family Justice Center	Elena
Little Tokyo Service Center	Vivian Lee
Child Alliance	Angelina Saucedo
N STARR/STOPP	Mohamed Khan

ABSENT MEMBERS

Public Members

Department of Children & Family Serv.	LA County Public Defender's
L.A. County Commission for Women	Department of Mental Health
LA City Commission on the Status of Wm	Attorney General's Office
California Department of Corrections	Superior Court Family Court Svs.
Department of Health Services	LA City Mayor's Office

Private Voting Members

Interval House (CALWORK)	Angel Step Inn
Haven Hills	Jenesse Center (CALWORK)
1736 Family Crisis Center	Haven House

CalWorks

NCADD Long Beach Woman To Woman
Foothill Family Service
Neighborhood Legal Services of LA County

Helpline Youth Counseling